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Attorney Docket No.: DERM1100-1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Rheins and Morhenn Art Unit: 1647
Application No.: 09/375,609 Examiner: L.Spector
Filed: August 17, 1999
Title: METHODS AND KITS FOR OBTAINING AND ANALYZING SKIN
SAMPLES FOR THE DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS (As Amended)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for the above-identified application please find:

1. Response to Office Action dated May 9, 2003, including Exhibits "A" through "I" (148 pages);
2. Petition for Extension of Time (2 pages);
3. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages)
4. Form PTO 1449 (2 pages);
5. Eight (8) references;
6. Check No. 543981 in the amount of \$55.00 (extension of time fee);
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8. Return Receipt Postcard

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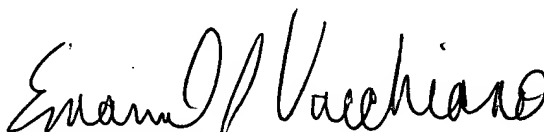
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Respectfully submitted,

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